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TAGS: PINS, PINT, GW

SUBJECT: POLICE ARREST SUSPECTS IN MOVIE THEATER BOMBING

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1. GERHARD ALBERTUS, TEACHER, AND ENNO BORSTELMANN, PSYCHOLOGIST, BOTH UNEMPLOYED BUT WITH AMPLE FUNDS, WERE ARRESTED ON JANUARY 7 AND CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANTING A FIREBOMB IN A MOVIE THEATER IN AACHEN THAT WAS SHOWING THE FILM "VICTORY IN ENTEBBE." POLICE OFFICIALS INFORMED THE CONGEN THAT THE ARRESTEES HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE AN ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT FOR WHICH THE POLICE HAD INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE. POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT THE

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ARRESTEES WERE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMB FOUND IN A DUESSELDORF THEATER BUT CANNOT BE CERTAIN BECAUSE SURVEILLANCE WAS SUSPENDED AT NIGHTFALL TO AVOID ALERTING THE SUSPECTS.

2. IN THE SUSPECTS' DWELLINGS THE POLICE FOUND A LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT AND WRITTEN MATERIAL

INDICATING THAT BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FOLLOWING THE SAME PATTERN AS THE BAADER-MEINHOFF BAND.

3. THE NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN ESSEN, RECEIVED AND PRINTED A LETTER FROM THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS / FIGHTERS FOR A FREE PALESTINE", WHICH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FIREBOMBING ATTEMPT. THE LETTER CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ENTEBBE FILM BECAUSE IT GLORIFIED THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN UGANDA AND PORTRAYED THE PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS AS EVIL LUNATICS. THE LETTER COMPARED THE FILM TO NAZI PROPAGANDA MOVIES AND TERMED IT PART OF A CAMPAIGN BY AMERICAN - ISRAELI IMPERIALISTS TO CONTINUE THE SUBJUGATION OF PEOPLES SUCH AS THE PALESTINIANS AND VIETNAMESE. THE AUTHORS OF THE LETTER CLAIMED THAT THEIR ACTION HAD BEEN PLANNED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID INJURY TO HUMANS WHILE STOPPING THE SHOWING OF THE FILM. THEY INDICATED THAT SIMILAR ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN ITALY AND JAPAN.DUX

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